

REMARKS

Claims 30 to 34, 36 and 37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Sugiura et al. (US 2001/0022134) in view of Fujita (US 6,321,635). Claim 35 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Sugiura et al. and Fujita et al. as applied to claim 30 above, in further view of Ishizuka (US 4,379,425). Claim 38 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 39 to 48 are allowed.

Claims 30 to 38 have been amended to be based upon allowable independent claim 39.

The claims are all now based on allowable subject matter and withdrawal of the rejections of claims 30 to 37 and the objection to claim 38 is respectfully requested.

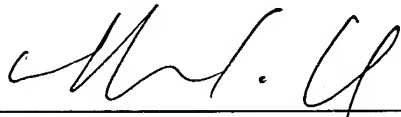
CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and applicants respectfully request such action.

If any additional fees are deemed to be due at this time, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge payment of the same to Deposit Account No. 50-0552.

Respectfully submitted,

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